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LET everybody push and nobody knock, and Mexico will take on new life right away.

WHEN Villistas killed or wounded all but six of the Gorman garrison, reinforcements were asked, said a dispatch, but it's difficult to see how six fleeing soldiers could be reinforced.

REFERRING to the policy of arming merchant ships, the St. Louis Republic says: "President Wilson has decided to arm the merchant ships, and Germany will try to sink them, just as she has been doing right along — with this difference: The merchant ship will have a chance to fight for her existence, instead of being cut down at the submarine commander's pleasure."

THE joint Poland China hog sale of E. H. Carter and Son and Mrs. Frank Coatsworth in this city March 21 will be a splendid opportunity for those interested in thoroughbred stock to secure some splendid animals of this type. Both herds are unusually fine and the sale offerings are especially good, in fact few if any sales in the state this year will approach them in pedigree and value.

SIDNEY HOUSTON, formerly of the Ledger, late holding an important position on the Kansas City Star, has resigned his position with that paper and will go with a large oil firm at Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Houston is a live, up-to-date newspaper boy, of bright promise; and while we regret to lose him from the newspaper field, we wish him much prosperity in his new line of work. There is no question but what Sid can make good in whatever he undertakes.

BERLIN professors to see no difference between President Wilson's suggestion to all neutrals that they unite in the gravest diplomatic protests against submarine assassinations and the proposal of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann that Japan and Mexico enter into a secret agreement with Germany to make war upon the United States. It is such little eccentricities as this on the part of the Prussian autocracy that are awakening the hostility of the whole world against it.

BONE DRY LAWS. SOME of those opposed to prohibition appear to think that the "bone-dry" laws will make the country go wet again on account of the strict enforcement of the law not being satisfactory. On the other hand, they ever think how many people there are who in the past have voted against prohibition because they didn't believe it could be enforced? There were in the neighborhood of fifty to a hundred votes in Mexico at the last wet and dry election, who voted against closing the saloons because they were afraid the law could not be enforced. They find out now that the law can be enforced, and we don't understand why anyone who is in favor of prohibition should object to bone dry laws—the drier, the better.

SECRET ORDERS FOR A RAIL STRIKE ISSUED

Heads of 4 great railway brotherhoods, while in Washington, D. C., attending a union labor conference, where they agreed to "stand by the nation in war or peace," prepare ultimatum, to be given the railway executives at a meeting in New York Thursday, demanding the concessions specified in the Adamson law. Simultaneously in Chicago secret orders, have been given for general strike on 28 great railway systems of the country, starting at 6:00 p. m., Eastern time, Saturday, March 17, if they meet with refusal.

Misses Annadee Fish and Evelyn Threlkeld were visitors in Fulton the first part of the week.

M. S. Lavender has returned home to Fulton.

WANTED

Horses and Mules

Saturday, March 17

At

B. R. Middleton's Barn

On North Jefferson St.

MEXICO, MO.

War Mules from 15:1 to 16 hands high, 5 to 9 years old.

Horses from 4 to 20 years old, in good flesh 15 hands up. Bring any kind in and get the money.

I will be in Auxvasse, Friday March 16th

W. Jeff Woods

An Attractive Afternoon Dress

A graceful jabot on a waist, a bias seam on a skirt making stripes meet stripes in V shapes down the front, are fashionable features of afternoon or sport costumes for Spring. Blouse and skirt are here combined into an exceedingly smart costume by the clever use of stripes of the skirt as trimming for the blouse. This suit can be made appropriately of plain and striped tussar silk, taffeta or voile.

To develop this costume in Plain and Striped Tussar costs only \$16.03

Developed in Voile this costume costs only \$2.19

Developed in Plain and Striped Taffeta this dress costs only \$9.28

Striped Skirt and Stripe-Trimmed Waist

McCall Pattern Nos. 2427-2428, two of the many new designs for April

QUALITY SERVICE VALUE

Nash

116-118 So. Jefferson MEXICO, MO.

Stock Notes

LOCAL MARKET.

Wheat	\$1.30
Corn	95c, 1.00
Oats	53c, 55c

Chicago Close—

Wheat	1.77	1.52 1/2
Corn	1.07	1.06
Oats	56 1/2	55

St. Louis Cash—

There was no St. Louis cash market report today, because the wires were torn down by the storm.

National Stock Yards—

Hogs, 11,000, 15c lower, top 14.85.

Cattle, 3,500, steady.

Sheep, 1,300, steady.

Considine & Pollock, who are feeding some stock on their farm two and one-half miles southwest of Auxvasse unloaded two cars of corn recently.

Col. Jeff Woods, of Mexico, Mo., does not appear satisfied to top the market one day, but has to do it twice in succession. Wed. he sold steers here at \$10.85 which was the highest mark on today's market. There were 24 head of them that averaged 1158 pounds that sold to Swift & Co.

Mr. Woods sold steers here yesterday for \$11.40, which equals the top for the year. He is one of our largest contributors and always handles good stock. Both his sale yesterday and today made him good money.

Wednesday's St. Louis Live Stock Reporter.

John Harrison, of Auxvasse, Callaway county, Mo., breeds a good class of stock and Scotch topped Shorthorn cattle with the grand old bull, "New Goods," who did so much good in the Harrison herd. On account of losing his main stock barn by fire recently, Mr. Harrison is offering somebody some bargains in 2 year old bulls and 2 year heifers, as follows: A Scotch Violet Roan 12 months bull by the Bettendorf Orange Blossom, bull orange Model; 2 Scotch topped red bulls by Royal Goods by New Goods, and 2 Scotch topped red yearling heifers by Royal Goods. — St. Louis Live Stock Reporter.

30 HENS MADE \$19 IN 4 WEEKS

CHARLESTON, Mo., March 8. — Mrs. Frank Lee, of East Prairie, wife of the former editor of the East Prairie Eagle, has 30 hens for which she claims the record for both eggs laid and money produced.

These 30 hens during the short month of February laid 486 eggs. This 40 1-2 dozen at the market price would have brought \$14.17, but six dozen were sold for hatching, raising the amount to \$19.07. The cost of feeding the hens for the month was \$3.50. During January, Mrs. Lee sold \$11.20 worth of eggs from the same hens.

Pollock & Winn, well-known stockmen of Audrain County, Mo., had in another load of their western lambs, 129 head that averaged 75 lbs. and sold at \$14.85, which was but five cents under the top of the market today. And the top Wed. is as high as any lambs ever sold on the market with the exception of spring lambs early in the season. — Live Stock Reporter.

Harrison & Yates, who have 95 head of cattle and a large bunch of hogs on feed at their home, one mile east of Auxvasse, unloaded a car of corn at Auxvasse last Tuesday. It came from Rush Hill and cost the feeders a little the rise of \$1 a bushel.

According to Merritt Llewellyn, local weather observer, February was one of the driest months for many years; there was no rainfall recorded and only .36 of an inch of snow. The snowfall is determined by measuring the amount of melted snow.

One of the best mules sold in Fulton stock sales day was a coming four year old sold by G. W. Dickson, of Holt Summit, to Charles H. Dunn near Hereford, for \$277.50.

\$21 Sheep at Laddonia, Mo.

LADDONIA, Mo., March 9. — Sheep sold at \$21 per head at a public sale near here yesterday.

Chickens sold as high as \$1.60 each. Fred Roberts, a well known stock-

man of Audrain County, Mo., had in a load of good quality of hogs March 8th, 53 head that averaged 240 lbs. and they sold at the top of the market, \$15, which is the record price on this market for hogs. Mr. Roberts has hogs here frequently and it is nothing out of the ordinary for him to receive the top of the market for his offerings. — Live Stock Reporter.

The stock, feed and farming implements sold at the S. A. Muff sale, held at his farm, known as the Jimmie Robinson farm, nine miles north of Mexico, Thursday, all brought good prices.

Twenty-eight head of cattle went to the Adell Bros. at \$56 per head.

The mules offered brought from \$270 to \$380 per span.

Several sets of harness were sold, one set selling for \$40.

The corn brought from 95c to \$1.20 per bushel. One mare brought \$230 and other sold for \$175. Hay sold at from \$9.25 to \$10.50 per ton.

J. G. Ford and Joe Gregory cried the sale and D. M. Slonaker acted as clerk. Mr. Muff came from his home in New Carlisle, Ohio, to attend the sale.

J. A. Price purchased a good load of mules in North Missouri.

McGown Brothers, of Saling township, sold 32 head of their fine Hereford cattle to an Oklahoma buyer for \$4,000.

HOGS reached a new record Friday and sold in East St. Louis at \$15.15 a hundred. The advance was \$1.20 a hundred in the week; and those who ought to know, say the top has not yet been reached.

Dave Owen recently sold three good Shorthorn heifers for \$300 each.

George Muir, down near Carrington, sold a mare Monday to Lee Brothers, of Mexico, for \$85.

Joseph Wilson, near Molino, paid \$425 for a pair of big mules 6 months ago. He got a lot of hard work out of them, then sold them last week to Nathan Vaughn for \$500. Nathan, it is reported, sold them the same week for \$517.50.

Bruce Ridgeway bought a team of 4 year old mules from Joe Mongler last week for \$350.

The annual mule sale of B. R. Middleton & Son, held at their mule barn here on Friday was one of the biggest sales of the kind ever held in this city. Eighty head of mules were sold and buyers came from all parts of the country to take advantage of the offerings made. The total amount of the sale was \$14,000.

The mules all brought good prices and the bidding was brisk.

Hardin Field purchased thirty-two of the mules offered at a total of \$6,310. S. R. Allison paid \$490 for a span of mare mules; Park Johnson bought a span of black mare mules

Priced Below Value

Children's Gingham Dresses at prices below value. Let us show you. RICKETTS & EMMONS DRY GOODS COMPANY. 77-21 w1t

Joint Public Sale

THE EVENT OF THE SALE SEASON—

Wednesday, March 21, 1917

50 Head of Mammoth Big Type Poland China Bred Sows and Gilts at Auction

CONSISTING OF—

30 TRIED SOWS — 8 Fall yearlings, 12 Spring gilts, all bred to the great Boars, KING JOE'S MASTERPIECE, MAJOR SAMPSON and KING HADLEY.

Nothing older than coming 4 year old next fall. Seven or eight of these sows will have pigs by side sale day; all registered or eligible and the papers will be furnished.

Sale will be under tent at Mrs. Frank Coatsworth's residence, one block east of Null's store on North Jefferson street. No postponement on account of rain. Plenty of comfortable seats for all. See the great young boar, KING JOE'S MASTERPIECE, one of the best sons of the twelve hundred and fifty dollar KING JOE.

We extend a cordial invitation to the Farmer Stockman and their wives of Audrain and adjoining counties to see this great offering of brood sows. You are welcome whether you wish to buy or not. Don't forget the date, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1917, at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp.

TERMS — Cash or bankable note for six months at 8 %.

Auctioneers—R. L. Harriman and Others.

W. W. Pollock, Clerk

Very Respectfully,

E. H. Carter & Son Mrs. Frank Coatsworth

for \$240; N. Vaughn, span grey and sorrel mares for \$295; Phil Meyers, span bay mares for \$400; S. H. Bise, span horse mules \$430; span brown mares, \$350; Park Johnson, span 4 year old black mares \$350; Frank Vedder, span, horse and mare, \$375; Phil Shire, one mare mule, \$195; J. A. Price, one 6-year-old horse mule, \$170; Joe Considine, one coming four year old bay mare, \$170; J. C. English, one coming 4 year old mare, \$165; J. A. Price, one horse mule \$135; T. H. Mildred, span black mares, 4 years old, \$330; S. H. Bise, span mares, \$255; E. J. Hall, 1 mare \$130; Sid Powell, span brown mares, \$210; J. W. Barnett, span mares, \$270, span mares \$255 and a span of horse mules at \$200; W. W. Pollock, span black mares \$235; Joe Considine span mares \$285; J. C. English, horse and mare \$280; Saylor Bros., span horse mules, \$270; B. W. Robinson, span mares \$350; J. W. Speed, horse and mare, \$250; Ab Romans, span mares, \$205; Joe Considine, span mares \$250; G. W. Green, one horse mule, \$200; R. G. Jolley, span mares \$295.

Col. J. T. Johnson, J. G. Ford, Joe Gregory, Bob Brown, O. B. Johnson, Ed Atchison and C. J. Al exander were the auctioneers and J. R. Jesse clerked the sale.

Homer Adell paid Joe Mongler \$240 for a good 4 year old mule last week.

T. H. Reece has traded his livery barn in this city to Staples Bros., for a fine 160 acre farm southeast of this city. The new proprietors took charge this week.

W. A. Hesterberg sold Joe Mongler 50 acres adjoining the latter's farm last week for \$2,820.

John Henderson has a load of cattle on feed which he expects to market in July. He is also feeding 100 head of hogs. Mr. Henderson reports the wheat in his section not looking very good and badly in need of rain. He says the rainfall in his neighborhood Sunday night was much heavier than in this city.

Joe Mongler has two loads of cattle and two of hogs on feed. The cattle are getting corn, molasses and silage and will be marketed in June. He has 45 head of cattle roughing it. S. P. Emmons & Son's annual bull calf sale, held at their home on South Western avenue Saturday afternoon, was a great success. Sixteen fine Scotch Shorthorn bulls were sold for a total of \$1,830. Many buyers from out of town attended the sale. Most of the offerings were of their own breeding. The bulls sold were to the following:

Augusta, A. H. Parrish, \$200.

Glen Dale, J. T. Kennett, \$180.

Royal Sunrise, Nevins Bros., \$165.

Floras Lad, C. J. Alexander, \$125.

Butterfly Dale, J. H. Clapper, \$125.

Fair Knight, J. B. Armstrong, \$130.

Double Lavender, Earl Carter, \$75.

Violet's Sultan, T. H. Whitesides, \$87.50.

Waverly, T. C. Rotts, \$87.50.

Longbranch Brar, R. E. Hill, \$150.

Sultan's Lovely 2nd, L. J. Paradise, \$70.

Dale's Choice 2nd, Davis Bros., \$92.50.

Roan Lad, J. B. Bates, \$122.50.

Scotch Ladd, Charles Schaffer, \$97.50.

Velvet's Lad, Mac Boyle, \$75.

Lovely Knight, C. A. Mildred, \$50.

J. T. Johnson, J. G. Ford and C. J. Alexander cried the sale and W. W. Pollock was clerk.

WHEN fine stock, such as S. P. Emmons & Son offers yearly, are put up for sale, they should be bought by farmers in Audrain County. We should keep our best stock right here at home.

Harry Erdle lost a large lick of hay Monday night when it was struck by lightning and burned.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK AND WITHOUT WARNING

Steamer Algonquin Sent to Bottom in Prescribed Zone by German Submarine—No One Lost

CHINA BREAKS WITH GERMANY

Crews Are Landed From Teutonic Vessels Taken in Shanghai Harbor by Chinese Officials

Ledger Special

LONDON, March 14. — The American ship Algonquin, bound for London and loaded with contraband food-stuffs, has been sunk by a shell without warning. All on board are reported as having been saved. Later advices state that the submarine which sent the vessel to the bottom refused any assistance to the survivors.

Situation Remains Unchanged

Ledger Special

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14. — An unofficial statement here says the sinking of the Algonquin has in no way changed the situation between Germany and the United States.

China Breaks With Germany

Ledger Special

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14. — China has broken relations with Germany. The Chinese government have seized all of the German vessels in Shanghai harbor and forced their crews to land.

EXAMINATIONS FOR SECOND LIEUTENANTS IN THE U. S. TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

War Department Has Provided for Appointment of New Second Lieutenants Soon

According to a bulletin recently sent out by the War Department the next examination for the position of second lieutenant in the United States Army will be beginning April 23 and another beginning July 23.

These examinations are held in accordance with General Order Number 64, which was issued in November, 1915, providing for the appointment of second lieutenants from among the non-commissioned officers of the army, from the graduate of the United States Military Academy and from civil life. The examination will include United States and general history, geography, English, foreign languages, mathematics and surveying.

The applicants from civil life are divided into four classes. Class A, honor graduates of "distinguished colleges" who must be members of the class graduating the year the appointment is made. Class B, honor graduates of colleges where army officers are detailed as professors of military science, who have at any time been designated as honor graduates of "honor schools." Class C, other graduates of colleges where army officers are detailed as professors of military science, and members of the organized militia who have served three years. Class D, other candidates.

The position of Second Lieutenant carries with it a salary of \$1,700 per year and all requisites are furnished the officer.

It was not stated in the bulletin where the examination would be held, but they will very probably be held at the recruiting headquarters, provided there are enough applicants at each headquarters to warrant the holding of the examination; if not, the applicants will be taken to one where the number of applicants is larger.

Spring Crop Fertilizer

A fresh car just in — Diamond K 1-12-1. Complete Fertilizer 1-8-1. Book your orders early. W. M. POLLOCK MILL & ELEV. CO. d2w1

Judge and Mrs. W. W. Botts are home from Jefferson City, and were accompanied back by Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Gordon, of Kansas City.

Cuckoo Chick and Hen Feeds

Built upon a standard of quality—no price. For sale by all grocers. W. M. POLLOCK MILL & ELEV. COMPANY. d1t w1t

Gold Filled, - \$15.00

14k Solid Gold, \$25.00

The Hallmark Bracelet Watch

The HALLMARK Watch is manufactured for exclusive sale in HALLMARK Stores. It is the greatest bracelet watch value on the market. Nothing could be daintier or more beautiful than these Hallmark Bracelet Watches—and they will keep time. They are fully warranted.

Gold Filled, \$15 to \$20

Solid Gold, \$25 to \$40

PILCHER'S

Established 1868

The HALLMARK Store

THE LATEST RAIL STRIKE DEVELOPMENTS

Railroad managers announce they won't budge from stipulation entered into with U. S. Government pending Adamson law decision.

Pittsburg brotherhood officials get strike orders; Big Four announces embargo on all perishable goods which cannot be delivered by Saturday noon.

Plans for progressive strike: On Saturday, March 17, 6 p. m., all men in freight service on New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Erie, Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Louisville, & Nashville and Seaboard Air Line, to be called out.

Monday, March 19, freight employees on Lehigh Valley, Lackawanna, Jersey Central, Pennsylvania, Long Island, Maine Central, Delaware & Hudson, Reading and all other lines in southeastern territory extending to New York, to quit.

Tuesday, March 20, freight employees in northwestern group, including Hill lines and all roads centering at Chicago, ordered out.

Wednesday, March 21, all freight and passenger trainmen in the country to strike.

WILL REBUILD POULTRY PLANT

Sam Arky to Start Work on New Plant Here Very Soon

Sam Arky expects to have work begun on his new poultry plant building on North Jefferson street shortly. It will occupy the site recently devastated by fire and will house the Mexico Poultry Company, of which Virgil Ryan is now sole owner. For the present Mr. Ryan has opened temporary quarters in the building formerly occupied by Nulton & Sands just north of the La Crosse Lumber Company.

Mr. Arky will build a large one-story brick structure with basement and concrete floor. An elevator will also be installed.

A New Effect

"W. & B." BOOTS

These are late Spring Models and we invite you to see them before deciding so important an item of dress as your new shoes.

Scores of other models in boots and low cuts.

Wilkins & Brown

(No. 65)

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE Financial Condition of the NORTH MISSOURI TRUST COMPANY at Mexico, State of Missouri, at the Close of Business on the 5th day of March, 1917.

RESOURCES.

Loans and undivided profits on collateral security	\$173,536.67
Loans undoubtedly good on real estate security	107,481.73
Other negotiable and non-negotiable paper and investment securities at present value	311,556.61
Over drafts by solvent customers	2,084.55
Bonds and stocks at present value	7,335.00
Real Estate Company's office building at present value	7,425.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,471.51
Due from other Trust Companies	84,402.84
Deposits subject to draft as follows: Deposits on call	7,361.65
Cash on hand (emergency, gold, silver and other coin)	7,780.36
Total	\$611,901.97

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus	90,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	4,748.27
Deposits of depositors	80,279.91
Deposits of depositors	12,527.10
Savings deposits	30,212.63
All other liabilities, Cashier's Checks	30,212.63
Total	\$611,901.97

STATE OF MISSOURI. (Seal of Auditor.)

Count of Audrain, (We, W. W. Pollock, President, and J. C. Minor, Secretary of the North Missouri Trust Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.)

W. W. POLLOCK, President.

J. C. MINOR, Secretary.

SUB E. RINGO, Notary Public.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of March, 1917. Witness my hand and official seal, the date last aforesaid. (Comp. Notary Seal.)

Notary Public.

Seal

Attest

J. F. HARRISON, D. S. BUREGROUS, R. M. WHITE, Directors

CHIROPRACTIC

Expert Testimony

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COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

By W. CLYDE JOHNSON, County School Supt.

Through the kindness of a neighbor, Mr. Dickman, who loaned us his car, the writer in company with Messrs. John Beal, editor of the Messenger, and L. H. Strunk, principal of the High School, enjoyed a very pleasant trip out to Harrison school. It was the last day of school; and the teacher, Ed C. Offutt, had planned a great day with "pieces" by the pupils, basket dinner by the mothers, and talks by the fathers and others. It was an ideal day, but, unfortunately, sickness upset the plans considerably. Only about one half of the children were able to be present, and the majority of the parents were kept away either by sickness or because of work in the field. However, a number came, bringing with them a bountiful supply of the very best things to eat that fine country produces, together with plenty of good cheer, so that all present heartily enjoyed themselves. After dinner, a number of short talks were made by the patrons and visitors. Mr. Beal recalled the school of his day, and encouraged the children to make the best of their splendid opportunities. Mr. Strunk told of his start as a farmer boy, and of the advantages of a good high school. The writer tried to point out how different everything else was today from that of 25 years ago, except the school; and that if this great State of ours is to maintain her proper place with respect to the others; how necessary it is to provide a better school, a consolidated rural school for the country boys and girls.

This is a very progressive community. Possibly a dozen boys and girls are now going away to high school or college. They have been considering very favorably the question of consolidating several rural districts. They have two clubs, a farmers' club for men and a Home Economics Club for women. Both are doing a great deal for the improvement of the community.

Saturday was another great day for the schools of Audrain county. More than one hundred school people, teachers, board members and friends attended a meeting for the school board members. Much interest was manifested, and all seemed well pleased and much profited. In fact, so much interest was taken in the subjects of hiring the teacher, keeping the old one, clerk's duties, and free text books; that more than one-half of the subjects were not discussed at all because time was too short. In the morning we had the unexpected pleasure of hearing William Hirth, the publisher of the Missouri Farmer, and the organizer of the Farm Club Movement, that is saving the farmers so much money. He told us in a very convincing way of the value of the movement. May it rapidly grow throughout the country and the state.

In the afternoon, Prof. Mark Burrows, of Kirksville Normal School, made a strong plea for better salaries for teachers, better rural schools for the country boys and girls, better equipment and more money spent which means a higher levy. He also spoke in favor of a larger unit that would give every boy and girl in the country an equal opportunity. Now, John goes to a first-class school and his father pays 40c school tax. But his neighbor, Jim, just across the road, goes to a six or seven month school poorly equipped, etc., and Jim's father pays a 65c tax. Is this right? Is this true democracy? Don't forget when you vote at the annual school meeting, to vote for an increased levy. Vote 65 cents. The difference in taxes you will never notice, and then it is the best spent money. What would your farm be worth if you had no school in the community? How long would you remain? Do you know that the state will aid the weak districts so that it is now possible for all districts to have an eight-months school? If not, write me about it.

I hope that we can have at least the president and clerk of every school board in the county present at our

White Wash Kid and Black Vici

These are late Spring Models and we invite you to see them before deciding so important an item of dress as your new shoes.

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SALE DATES

As soon as you can, telephone it to the Miss Buckner C. you intend having a party, of St. phones us and see the date of Mrs. C. open.

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March 16 — E. H. Carter, Mrs. Frank Coatsworth, here this week.

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COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

By W. CLYDE JOHNSON, County School Supt.

Through the kindness of a neighbor, Mr. Dickman, who loaned us his car, the writer in company with Messrs. John Beal, editor of the Messenger, and L. H. Strunk, principal of the High School, enjoyed a very pleasant trip out to Harrison school. It was the last day of school; and the teacher, Ed C. Offutt, had planned a great day with "pieces" by the pupils, basket dinner by the mothers, and talks by the fathers and others. It was an ideal day, but, unfortunately, sickness upset the plans considerably. Only about one half of the children were able to be present, and the majority of the parents were kept away either by sickness or because of work in the field. However, a number came, bringing with them a bountiful supply of the very best things to eat that fine country produces, together with plenty of good cheer, so that all present heartily enjoyed themselves. After dinner, a number of short talks were made by the patrons and visitors. Mr. Beal recalled the school of his day, and encouraged the children to make the best of their splendid opportunities. Mr. Strunk told of his start as a farmer boy, and of the advantages of a good high school. The writer tried to point out how different everything else was today from that of 25 years ago, except the school; and that if this great State of ours is to maintain her proper place with respect to the others; how necessary it is to provide a better school, a consolidated rural school for the country boys and girls.

This is a very progressive community. Possibly a dozen boys and girls are now going away to high school or college. They have been considering very favorably the question of consolidating several rural districts. They have two clubs, a farmers' club for men and a Home Economics Club for women. Both are doing a great deal for the improvement of the community.

Saturday was another great day for the schools of Audrain county. More than one hundred school people, teachers, board members and friends attended a meeting for the school board members. Much interest was manifested, and all seemed well pleased and much profited. In fact, so much interest was taken in the subjects of hiring the teacher, keeping the old one, clerk's duties, and free text books; that more than one-half of the subjects were not discussed at all because time was too short. In the morning we had the unexpected pleasure of hearing William Hirth, the publisher of the Missouri Farmer, and the organizer of the Farm Club Movement, that is saving the farmers so much money. He told us in a very convincing way of the value of the movement. May it rapidly grow throughout the country and the state.

In the afternoon, Prof. Mark Burrows, of Kirksville Normal School, made a strong plea for better salaries for teachers, better rural schools for the country boys and girls, better equipment and more money spent which means a higher levy. He also spoke in favor of a larger unit that would give every boy and girl in the country an equal opportunity. Now, John goes to a first-class school and his father pays 40c school tax. But his neighbor, Jim, just across the road, goes to a six or seven month school poorly equipped, etc., and Jim's father pays a 65c tax. Is this right? Is this true democracy? Don't forget when you vote at the annual school meeting, to vote for an increased levy. Vote 65 cents. The difference in taxes you will never notice, and then it is the best spent money. What would your farm be worth if you had no school in the community? How long would you remain? Do you know that the state will aid the weak districts so that it is now possible for all districts to have an eight-months school? If not, write me about it.

I hope that we can have at least the president and clerk of every school board in the county present at our

White Wash Kid and Black Vici

These are late Spring Models and we invite you to see them before deciding so important an item of dress as your new shoes.

Scores of other models in boots and low cuts.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE Financial Condition of the NORTH MISSOURI TRUST COMPANY at Mexico, State of Missouri, at the Close of Business on the 5th day of March, 1917.

RESOURCES.

Loans and undivided profits on collateral security	\$173,536.67
Loans undoubtedly good on real estate security	107,481.73
Other negotiable and non-negotiable paper and investment securities at present value	311,556.61
Over drafts by solvent customers	2,084.55
Bonds and stocks at present value	7,335.00
Real Estate Company's office building at present value	7,425.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,471.51
Due from other Trust Companies	84,402.84
Deposits subject to draft as follows: Deposits on call	7,361.65
Cash on hand (emergency, gold, silver and other coin)	7,780.36
Total	\$611,901.97

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus	90,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	4,748.27
Deposits of depositors	80,279.91
Deposits of depositors	12,527.10
Savings deposits	30,212.63
All other liabilities, Cashier's Checks	30,212.63
Total	\$611,901.97